

REMARKS

In the current Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1,2, 7-10 and 13-16, but has allowed claims 11,12 and 17-24, and indicates that claims 3 to 6 would be allowable if rewritten independently.

In the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been canceled and claim 3 has been rewritten as an independent claim incorporating the subject matter of claim 1, from which it previously depended. Claim 3 should therefore now be allowable, along with claims 4 to 6 which depend from claim 3. Additionally, rejected claims 2, 7 to 10, and 13 to 16 have been amended to depend from claim 3, and should be also be allowable.

It is believed that all of the claims now remaining in this application, specifically claims 2 to 24, are now in order for allowance, and early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If there are any outstanding objections which could be dealt with by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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